Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Amendment put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I move the following amendment: "Delete the figure '193' occurring in section (1) (a) and substitute for it the figure '111'. This is only to introduce the Malabar era instead of the English year.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Amendment put and carried.

The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill (Markets).

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill be read in Council.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill".

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Hon'ble Members are aware that Regulation I of 1110 has been repealed. The only definition of market that was available was the definition contained in that Regulation; and as Hon'ble Members know there was very grave opposition from the non-official side of the House against that definition. Accordingly it was repealed. But a definition of the term 'market' is highly necessary for working the Municipal Regulation and hence a definition which I hope will be found acceptable by all the Hon'ble Members has been devised. It reads thus: " 'Market' means a place where persons assemble for selling and for buying meat, fish, fruit, grain, vegetables or any other articles of food, or commerce or any vendible article or for the sale or purchase of live-stock or poultry, and which every member of the public has, of common right, the liberty to enter and frequent for the purpose of bringing thither and there exposing for sale and selling or of buying such commodities as are vendible there." I believe all the objections raised against the definition that was in the Regulation repealed have been met in this definition. If Hon'ble Members have any suggestions to make, they are quite welcome. In the meantime I believe that this definition is quite

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adequate and altogether inoffensive. I move, Sir, that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Mr. President, Sir, I am sorry I cannot see eye to eye with the Hon'ble Member for Law in saying that the definition of "market" given in the Bill placed before the House is acceptable in the form in which it is given. I also wish to invite the attention of the Hon'ble the President to the fact that the motion put down in the original Agenda being one for the introduction of this Bill, the sudden move to have the Bill taken into consideration is something which, though not intentional, is sprung upon us as a surprise.

I wish therefore to place before the Hon'ble the President and this House the desirability of placing this Bill which gives the definition of the important word "market" before a small Select Committee, so that that Committee may go into all the implications of the words used and see whether the definition as brought forward is one acceptable or not; and if it is not completly acceptable, necessary changes may also be made. For these reasons I move that this Bill be referred to a small Select Committee of this House.

With your leave, Sir, I wish to utilise this opportunity to express the feelings of respectful gratitude towards His Gracious Highness the Maharaja for having repealed Regulation 1 of 1110 necessitating thereby the introduction of this Amending Regulation to define 'market'. In doing so I am only echoing the feelings of the whole Cochin public which has anything to do with the arecanut trade or the growing of arecanuts. I take this opportunity to request you, Sir, to place before His Gracious Highness the Maharaja the feelings of gratitude of the whole House as also of the public of Cochin in having come to the rescue of the people at large when it was brought to His Highness's kind notice that the Regulation was one which was doing harm to the public. I also take this opportunity, Sir, to thank Sir Shanmukham, His Highness's trusted, minister, and all his able lieutenants who must have made the way easy for His Highness to repeal the Regulation and thereby come to the rescue of the people. With these expressions of gratitude of the people, I press my first point, viz., that this small Bill be referred to a Select Committee which will examine the provisions thereof.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—If the Committee is intended only to define this, they can as well define it here.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I would suggest that the consideration of the definition may be done even now. An

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analogous amendment Bill was tabled containing a definition of "market" which appeared to have the unanimous approval of the House. That definition is not materially different from the definition now brought forward. I would, therefore, suggest that it may be discussed here in this session itself without going to a Select Committee.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.— ഇതു വിഷമപ്പെട്ട ഈ കാര്യം നടത്തേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നു തോന്നുന്നു. ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കുവാൻ തന്നെ എല്ലാ മെമ്പന്മാർക്കും സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. എല്ലാ മെമ്പന്മാരും ആലോചിച്ചാൽതന്നെ ഇതിലെ വിഷമങ്ങൾ തീർക്കുവാൻ എളുപ്പം സാധിക്കുകയില്ല. ഇതു അടയ്ക്കയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച കാര്യമായതുകൊണ്ടു വളരെ സൂക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇതു ഞാൻ കളിയായി പറയുകയല്ല. ഈ റഗുലേഷൻ റീപ്പീൽ ചെയ്താലും വേറൊരു തരത്തിൽ വീണ്ടും വരുമോ എന്നു സംശയിയും വളരെ സൂക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ഗവർമ്മേൻറിൽനിന്നു ഇതു ധൃതിയിൽ പാസാക്കിയില്ല എന്നു വച്ചിട്ട് ഒരപകടവും കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തിനു വരുവാനില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു ദയവുചെയ്തു ഒരു സെലക്ട് കമ്മറിയെ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുകയോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഇതിനെ വേറൊരു ദിവസത്തേക്കു വയ്ക്കുകയോ ചെയ്താൽ മതിയെന്നാണു് തോന്നുന്നതു്.

Mr. President.—If it is the intention of the House to refer the matter to a Select Committee, Government will not oppose. Government only thought that it was quite simple and that it could be passed without referring it to a Select Committee.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, P. Raman Menon and the Government Advocate.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I second it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I would also add the name of the Director of Public Health and Panchayats.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. President.—The Government Advocate will be the Chairman and the Committee will report within 2 weeks.

The Cochin Factories Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I rise to move that the Cochin Factories Bill be read in Council.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

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